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Sent: 4/18/2022 8:41:55 PM
To: Mugdan, Walter [Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov]
CC: Simon, Paul [Simon.Paul@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Garcia, Lisa [Garcia.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: More on Crypto mining

Thank you!

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Sent: 4/19/2022 11:11:34 AM
To: Hamilton, Lindsay [Hamilton.Lindsay@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: More on Crypto mining

You rock

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On Apr 18, 2022, at 8:01 PM, Hamilton, Lindsay <Hamilton.Lindsay@epa.gov> wrote:

So we have an EPA desktop library where he can access everything. Point him my way if you'd like and I can work with him to get what he needs tomorrow.

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Sorry to ask you thinks—but advice to Grant here for access to journals and newspapers?

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Grant

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(because I don't actually know the answer to your question)

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